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## SENATE.

*Friday Morning, Jan. 28, 1859.*  
Senator Barnes, from committee on State affairs, reported with a bill in answer of a petition for certain petitioners in the Holland Colony. Also, to a bill to authorize Otto Thiel to build a dam across Carp river, in Owosso county.

Senator Greysen, from committee on enrolled bills, reported several bills.

Senator Trowbridge, from committee on public lands, reported a joint resolution to certain military lands, asking from Congress the cession thereof. Moved to refer to committee of the whole. Lost. Tabled.

Senator Gorham, from committee on the militia, reported a bill for reorganizing the militia, and amending the present law—

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Senator Davis, from committee on towns and counties, reported a bill to change name of township of Jerome. Motion to put on its passage.

Senator Conger thought honor in this country dubious, if towns were to be named after members, and the name was to be changed the next winter. Tabled.

Senator Trowbridge, from committee on public lands, reported amendment to swamp and law. Special order for afternoon.

Senator Porter, from committee on incorporations, introduced a bill to revise the charter of Grand Rapids, and moved to suspend rule. Third reading.

Senator Davis, from committee on towns and counties, reported a bill to attach certain sections of land in Fremdeltown to township of Ayer.

Senator Tower thought the bill unnecessary, as the board of supervisors already had the power. Senator Canfield inquired if any attempt had been made to bring the matter before the supervisors. Senator Welsh was not aware. Third reading—Also, House bill to vacate part of plat of village of Trenton. Senator Carpenter moved to postpone indefinitely. Carried.

Also bill to change name of Boston, Loma county, to Saranac. Third reading.

Senator Jones, from committee on finance, reported bills to extend time for collection of taxes in Hudson, and in Battle Creek. Tabled.

Senator Trowbridge, from committee on roads and bridges, reported a substitute for House bill, to lay out a road from Portland, Loma county, to Albany in Isabella co. Read twice, tabled and printed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

114 O'clock.

H. B. Shank of Ingham, and Geo. W. Lee of Livingston, were nominated members of the Board of Control of the House of Correction. Confirmed—ayes 31, nays 9.

Jesse E. Tenney, of Calumet county, was nominated as State librarian. Referred to executive com.

Executive session closed.

A communication from the Treasurer showed the amounts received in all, \$8,947,42,100, expenses \$64,60,100. Ordered printed.

Bills passed the House. A bill to authorize the Detroit and Milwaukee Railway Company to purchase the property, rights and franchises of the Port Huron and Milwaukee Railway Co.

2. A bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the township of Spring Lake, Ottawa county:

3. A bill to authorize the stockholders of the Collins Iron Company to increase the number of directors of said company;

To the first of which, two amendments have been made, therefore inacted.

Also joint resolution authorizing the commissioner of the State Land office to take a certain deed to Nelson P. Stewart.

Which have passed the House by a majority vote of all the members elect, and in all of which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

Also to amend an act entitled "an act to provide for organizing an active militia, and other purposes," approved May 18, 1847.

Reported the same back without amendment and recommended its passage. The report was accepted, the committee discharged.

Mr. Dodgeon moved that the bill be ordered to a third reading; which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Jones, this bill and Senate bill No. 48, being a bill to provide a military fund in aid of the volunteer informed militia, were taken up.

Also, a bill to amend section 7, chap. 3, of the revised statutes of 1846, concerning roads, vol. 2, section 1161.

On the motion to suspend the rules to pass bill to extend time for collection of taxes in the township of Clay, St. Clair county, Senator Conger explained that this township is mainly composed of islands in Lake St. Clair, inhabited by fishermen, who are made poor by various circumstances. Bill passed.

Bill to amend compiled laws relating to Refereed to committee on Judiciary.

Joint resolution for the relief of Nelson P. Stewart; also for the relief of certain purchasers of school lands. Committee on Roads.

Senator Trowbridge called up bill to authorize the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad Co. to purchase Port Huron and Milwaukee Railroad Co., and moved that the Senate concur in House amendments—Concurrent in.

Senator Porter moved from table, bill to amend railroad company incorporation a t. was taken from the table. The bill provided for less stringent terms of forfeiture in respect to the amount necessary to be expended in a certain time, and fixing the basis of computation from the entire capital stock, to the capital stock subscribed—

Senator Tower moved to put the bill on the general order. Senator Barnes objected—

Senator Barnes reported in respect to so much of the Governor's message as relates to admitting girls to the State University at Ann Arbor. The report sustained the views of the message, and strong-

the words "subject to forfeiture" meant; he believed the words to be meaningless—

Senator Birney explained. Com. of the whole.

Senator Perry introduced sundry bills—a bill to repeal an amendment of the charter of the village of Hudson.

Senator Dickinson gave notice of a bill relative to village lots.

Senator Pond gave notice of a bill to amend laws relating to gifts and bequests to religious societies.

Senator Yost moved from the table the bill to incorporate the city of Ypsilanti—Third reading; order suspended. Bill passed—ayes 27, nays 0. Immediate effect.

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the contract is necessary, and this resolution provides for its forthcoming and future safe-keeping. Passed—ayes 25, nays 0. Immediate effect.

Senator Birney, from committee on judiciary, reported a bill with amendments, relating to corporations. Tabled.

The Excellency named the Senate that he had signed the Gratot and Isabella relief bill.

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Senator Gorham moved from table the bill to amend chip 194 of compiled laws, relating to bail in criminal cases. Certain circumstantial errors amended, on motion.

Senator Gorham moved from table Senator bill to ascertain cereal products.

Senator Tower moved to reconsider the vote by which the State officers' salary bill was passed on general order. Moved to recommit to the bill of Ben Harter, purchaser of primary school lands.

Mr. Birney moved from table to amend the fishery bill. Lost.

Senate bill to regulate fines and penalties in Justice's Court was moved from table by Mr. Perry.

Mr. Dodgeon moved so to amend as to apply the provisions of the bill to certain cities in the city of Detroit.

Mr. Birney moved to amend by adding "all other courts" in the city of Detroit, or which amendments prevailed.

Mr. Gorham moved to strike out the county treasurer, because he was compelled to do so by his oath.

Mr. Birney moved to strike out the bill, as much as any one, but the salaries are not too high, and what men honestly earn, they should receive. The claim of extravagance has been loudly raised within the last six months; but after all the clamor, the people have shown themselves willing to trust the judgment of their Representatives. Senator Crouse hoped the bill would go to the committee of the whole. The office of State Librarian was likely to be abolished. Senator Jones thought if the office of Librarian were abolished, the salary would go with it. There is no occasion on that account to delay action on this bill. The bill is an exact copy of the law of 1853, when the Legislature was entirely, or almost entirely, Democratic.

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